

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

(415) 445-0813



June 14, 1976

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 76-84

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

OBSOLETESuperseded by ACL # 77-15Issued 3-17-77

SUBJECT: COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR SSI/SSP, EVH, AND APSB RECIPIENTS

REFERENCE:

This is to advise you of the status of this year's cost-of-living adjustment for SSI/SSP, EVH, and APSB recipients.

As you are aware, state law provides for a regular cost-of-living adjustment that is to be effective July 1 of each year. Under normal circumstances, DBP would provide SSA and CWDs with the new benefit levels in time for the adjustment to be included in the July 1 checks. However, like last year, the Legislature is considering proposals which, if passed, would revise the amount of the adjustment that DBP has calculated. To avoid the confusion of a split adjustment as we experienced last year, we are awaiting the outcome of the legislative considerations before issuing the cost-of-living figures.

The final cost-of-living figures will be issued through Emergency Regulations. We will send counties advance copies of the regulations as soon as they are filed with the Secretary of State.

Counties should proceed to adjust the EVH and APSB grants to reflect the increase in Social Security Benefits (OASDI) scheduled for July 1, 1976. However, in effecting this change, a few recipients may become ineligible for financial assistance. Counties should keep controls on these cases so that they may be reevaluated as soon as the cost-of-living figures are available. SSA will be taking the same measures with SSI/SSP cases.

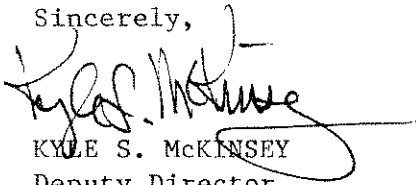
The attached stuffer explaining the delay in the adjustment will accompany the July Medi-Cal ID cards to SSI/SSP recipients. The stuffer will also be sent in a special mailing at the end of June to SSI/SSP recipients who are in Medi-Cal prepaid health plans (PHPs), and to EVH and APSB recipients. The stuffer explains that the cost-of-living increase should appear for the first time in the ongoing checks issued September 1. However, counties may be able to effect the increase before that date in the EVH and APSB Programs.

The delay in the cost-of-living increase will also affect the Medi-Cal eligibility of some SSI/SSP recipients as reported by SSA through the State Data Exchange (SDX) system. This will not cause a problem in July since the July 1 Medi-Cal card issuance will be based on June Title XVI eligibility information. To avoid the problem in August and September, the SDX tape file will be temporarily reprogrammed to ensure that all individuals that would be entitled to Medi-Cal if the cost-of-living increase has been incorporated into the July 1 checks will continue to receive a Medi-Cal card.

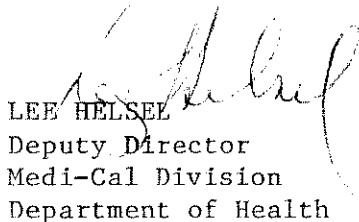
SDX data received by counties in late July and August will indicate those individuals whose Medi-Cal eligibility has been determined as a result of the above special state programming. Counties receiving SDX information by tape should refer to Field 74, Position 567, which will contain a one-character alpha designator ("Y" or "N"). Counties receiving SDX information by printout should refer to the field labeled "Special Eligibility" which will contain a three-character alpha designator ("YES" or "NO"). If the case record reflects either "Y" or "YES", the individual is eligible for Medi-Cal and a Medi-Cal card has been created. If the record shows "N" or "NO", the individual is not eligible for Medi-Cal and no Medi-Cal card has been created.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact either DBP Adult Program Management Branch at (916) 445-0813, or DOH Medi-Cal Eligibility Section at (916) 445-1797.

Sincerely,



KYLE S. MCKINSEY
Deputy Director
Department of Benefit Payments



LEE HELSER
Deputy Director
Medi-Cal Division
Department of Health

Attachment

cc: CWDA

**NOTICE TO AGED, BLIND, AND DISABLED RECIPIENTS
ANNUAL COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS**

California state law provides for a cost of living adjustment in the State Supplementary Program (SSP), Excess Value Home (EVH), and Aid to the Potentially Self-Supporting Blind (APSB) Programs which is to be effective July 1st of each year. This year the amount of the adjustment could not be determined in time for it to appear in your July 1, 1976, check. Therefore, the check you receive this month will be either for the same amount that you received last month, or may even be less if you have had an increase in other income such as Social Security benefits.

This year's cost-of-living increase should be included in your September 1, 1976, check. You will also receive a separate check to cover any increase that you should have received in July and August 1976.

TEMP 1094 (5/76)

**AVISO A LOS QUE RECIBEN ASISTENCIA COMO ANCIANOS, CIEGOS, E INCAPACITADOS
AJUSTE ANUAL POR EL COSTO DE LA VIDA**

La ley estatal de California provee que se ajustan por el costo de la vida los beneficios de los programas siguientes: State Supplementary Program (SSP, o sea, el programa estatal suplementario), Excess Value Home (EVH, o sea, casa de valor excesivo) y Aid to the Potentially Self-Supporting Blind (APSB, o sea, ayuda a los ciegos que posiblemente pueden mantenerse por sí mismos). lo cual tomará lugar el 1 de julio de cada año. Este año no se pudieron determinar a tiempo la cantidad del ajuste para que se reflejara en su cheque del 1 de julio de 1976. Por lo tanto el cheque que recibe este mes será para la misma cantidad que recibió el mes pasado, o será aun menos si ha recibido un aumento en los otros ingresos tales como los beneficios de seguro social.

Este año se debe incluir el aumento del costo de la vida en su cheque del 1 de septiembre de 1976. También recibirá un cheque aparte para compensar cualquier aumento que debfa haber recibido durante julio y agosto de 1976.

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS
744 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814
916) 322-5475



June 14, 1976

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 76-83

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: AUDIT RESPONSE CHANGES

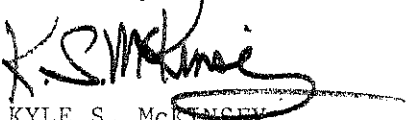
REFERENCE:

Federal audits of county food stamp operations have, in the past, assumed low priority at federal, state, and county levels in the administration of the program. With the growing emphasis on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Food Stamp Program, the concern over complying with audit recommendations has likewise grown dramatically. It is, therefore, our intention to develop individual county Program Improvement Plans (PIP) which outline the compliance necessary to expedite closure of all very recent and future food stamp audits.

The food stamp field analyst assigned to your county will be contacting you to assist in formulation of such a plan. Close coordination between our respective offices should facilitate the implementation of whatever steps are necessary to satisfy program improvement as defined by the audit.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,


KYLE S. MCKINSEY
Deputy Director

cc: CWDA

OBSOLETE

Superseded by ACL #77-15

Issued 3-17-77